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On January 13, 2020, Governor Newsom's Regional Homeless Advisors, led by Los Angeles County Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas and Sacramento Mayor Darrell Steinberg, released a set of recommendations and strategies to address the homelessness crisis in California. The Comprehensive Crisis Response Strategy is in response to the more than 150,000 homeless individuals in California and provides a package of legislative and budgetary actions with a focus on three priority areas: ending street homelessness, breaking down barriers to build more housing, and moving more people who want help into treatment.

The document includes a 40-point strategy to address priorities and provides details on what the State has already accomplished and the next steps necessary to achieve the goals of the strategy. The strategy provides recommendations to expand rental protections, rental subsidies, and interim housing, in addition to workforce development strategies, Board and Care, and affordable housing strategies, among others. In particular, Addressing and Preventing Street Homelessness (Strategy 7) recommends establishing a legal and accountable framework to dramatically reduce homelessness through an executive order or legislation to ensure an individual's right to access permanent housing, which may include services provided in shelters that provide pathways to permanent housing. The strategy states that there is further work needed to define how city, county, and State roles will be determined in implementing this recommendation.

The City should evaluate the Comprehensive Crisis Response Strategy to determine if the City's Enhanced Comprehensive Homeless Strategy aligns with the State's. An analysis of the document will define the City's role and also determine the resources required to implement the recommendations.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council instruct the Chief Legislative Analyst and the City Administrative Officer to review the Comprehensive Crisis Response Strategy by the Governor's Council of Regional Homeless Advisors and report on the following: 1) defining the City's role in implementing State goals in general; 2) evaluating the City's current Enhanced Comprehensive Homeless Strategy in light of the State's proposal, and 3) ensuring the City is prepared to maximize State funding for our needs.

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